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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A system for testing JMX monitors, the system comprising:
2		(a) a generator adapted to generate a signal;
3		(b) a monitor adapted to monitor the signal; and
4		(c) a notifier adapted to generate a notification in response to the
5	monite	oring of the signal by the monitor.
1	2.	A system according to claim 1, further comprising a listener for
2		receiving the notification.
1	3.	A system according to claim 1, further comprising an interface
2		adapted to allow entry of at least one parameter to be used in
3		generating the signal.
1	4.	A system according to claim 1, further comprising a source of at
2		least one equation to be used in generating the signal.
1	5.	A system according to claim 3, wherein said source is selected from
2		the group consisting of data libraries, data files, application code, or
3		user entry.

- 1 6. A system according to claim 1, further comprising a timer, adapted to control the time for testing.
- 1 7. A system according to claim 1, wherein the monitor monitors the signal at a frequency at least twice the frequency of the signal.
- A system according to claim 1, further comprising a processor
 adapted to execute the generation of the signal.
- 1 9. A signal generator comprising:
- 2 (a) a generator MBean adapted to generate a signal; and
- 3 (b) a library of equations for use in the generator MBean, each
 4 equation representing a signal capable of being generated by the
 5 generator MBean.
- 1 10. A signal generator according to claim 8, further comprising an interface adapted to allow selection of an equation from the library to be used in generating the signal.

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- 1 11. A signal generator according to claim 9, wherein the interface is
 2 further adapted to allow entry of at least one parameter to be used
 3 in the equation.
- 1 12. A system according to claim 8, further comprising a timer java bean,
 2 adapted to control the time for generation of the signal.
- 1 13. A method for generating a signal, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) selecting an equation from a library, the equation corresponding
 to the signal to be generated;
 - (b) specifying the appropriate parameters for the equation; and
- 6 (c) generating a signal corresponding to the equation with the parameters using a generator MBean.
- 1 14. A method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of specifying the length of time for generation of the signal.
- 1 15. A method for testing a JMX monitor, the method comprising the steps of:
- 3 (a) generating a signal using a generator MBean;

- (b) polling the generator bean at a frequency at least twice the frequency of the generated signal using a monitor MBean of the JMX monitor; and
- 7 (c) returning a testing value for each polling of the generator MBean.
- 1 16. A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of generating a notification when a threshold value of the testing signal is detected by the monitor.
- 1 17. A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of storing the testing values to a data store.
- 1 18. A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of comparing each testing value to the corresponding value of the signal from the generator MBean.
- 1 19. A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of specifying an equation to be used in generating the signal.

1	20.	A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of	
2		specifying at least one parameter to be used in generating the	
3		signal.	
1	21.	A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of	
2		specifying the frequency of polling.	
1 .	22.	A computer-readable medium, comprising:	
2		(a) means for selecting an equation from a library, the equation	
3		corresponding to a signal to be generated;	
4		(b) means for specifying parameters for the equation; and	
5		(c) means for generating a signal corresponding to the equation,	
6		with the parameters, using a generator MBean.	
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1	23.	A computer program product for execution by a server computer for	
2	testing a JMX monitor, comprising:		
3		(a) computer code for selecting an equation from a library, the	
4		equation corresponding to a signal to be generated;	
5		(b) computer code for specifying parameters for the equation; and	
6		(c) computer code for generating a signal corresponding to the	
7		equation, with the parameters, using a generator MRean	

1	24.	A system for testing a JMX monitor, comprising:
2		(a) means for selecting an equation from a library, the equation
3		corresponding to a signal to be generated;
4		(b) means for specifying parameters for the equation; and
5		(c) means for generating a signal corresponding to the equation,
6		with the parameters, using a generator MBean.
·1	25.	A computer system comprising:
2		a processor;
3		object code executed by said processor, said object code configured
4	to:	
5		(a) select an equation from a library, the equation
6		corresponding to a signal to be generated;
7		(b) specify parameters for the equation; and
8		(c) generate a signal corresponding to the equation, with the
9		parameters, using a generator MBean.